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**SUBJECT: Proposed Transfer of HIS Production Responsibility from
HEW to Bureau of the Census**

1. HEW has been responsible for the production of some sociological units of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) -- Characteristics of the People; Religion, Education, and Public Information; and Welfare.
2. Assignment of such intelligence production responsibility to non-HEW agencies is in accordance with National Security Council Directive; just as the Department of Commerce and others have a responsibility for other NIS sections.
3. On 19 May, HEW advised the Office of Basic Intelligence that it wanted the International Surveys Staff of HEW (the group doing the NIS work) transferred to another Agency, explaining that Secretary Gardner did not want passage of two upcoming bills jeopardized because of an HEW-CIA relationship.
4. Subsequently, HEW tried and failed to have the Department of State assume the NIS responsibility. CIA is not appropriate because the HEW personnel want to retain Civil Service Status and several are beyond CIA retirement age.
5. Mr. Brammell, Director of Basic Intelligence, then consulted the Bureau of the Census, where the reaction to producing this sociological intelligence met with a generally favorable response. It was explained by Dr. Taeuber (Assistant Director for Demographic Fields), however, that basic considerations of Census' mission had to be weighed before the Bureau and the Department of Commerce could come to a decision. (The Director, Bureau of the Census, is planning to discuss with Secretary Connor the extent to which Census should provide service to other Government agencies.)
6. At stake is a contract with CIA of [REDACTED] for FY 67 production of 20 NIS units. HEW has agreed to provide space for the 20 personnel involved for up to 3 months beyond 30 June.
7. The particular NIS units are regarded by CIA as of unique importance in fulfilling a gap in basic sociological intelligence.

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